

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning of page 5, line 16 with the following:

The configuration ~~indicated in claim 2 and claim 7~~ achieves that the amount of data to be processed in the stationary unit is limited. In a filter device appropriately configured by the person skilled in the art, the messages coming into the stationary unit are searched for duplicates or incorrect messages. By way of example, a hazard may be reported to the stationary unit by a number of motor vehicles, wherein in each case the location of the hazard is contained as information. If these locations lie within certain tolerances, the filter unit will decide that these are all the same hazard and will store the corresponding information only once. Likewise, incorrect and incomplete information can be separated out or earlier incoming messages from the same motor vehicle can be deleted.

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning of page 5, line 25 with the following:

Preferably, ~~in accordance with claim 3 and claim 8,~~ the incoming messages are stored in the stationary unit in order where appropriate to be able to make use of them later or to monitor the traffic situation over a longer period. In order to limit the amount of data to be stored, it is proposed that the messages are in each case provided with a time signal in order to delete obsolete messages after a corresponding time has elapsed. Likewise, the messages may be divided into various information sectors, for example weather information or messages about a hazard, and stored in corresponding memories. It is furthermore possible for the messages to be provided with a priority in each case, for example a warning message is assigned a higher priority than a general weather information item. Accordingly, a message of higher priority can be fed for processing first. In addition, the position of the motor vehicle from which the message was received and/or a reliability of the message can be stored, that is to say whether it was received in full or in fragments.

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning of page 6, line 3 with the following:

In order for example for the driver of the motor vehicle to retrieve desired information, ~~in accordance with claim 4 and claim 9~~ it is proposed that upon a request by the motor vehicle or user, a specific message is generated in the stationary unit. For this purpose, a corresponding query relating, for example, to the current traffic density in the region of the stationary unit can be sent to the latter, whereupon the corresponding information is determined by a message generation device from the stored messages and transmitted to the requesting motor vehicle.

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning of page 6, line 10 with the following:

In order to operate the stationary unit in an energy-saving manner, ~~in accordance with claim 5 and claim 10~~ it is proposed that the stationary unit is activated only when a motor vehicle approaches. This may be affected ~~effected~~ by a proximity sensor integrated in the stationary unit, which registers the proximity of a motor vehicle for example by means of electromagnetic waves and activates the corresponding transmitters/receivers of the stationary unit. It is likewise possible for an identification signal to be emitted by a traveling motor vehicle and received by a passive receiver in the stationary unit. As soon as the motor vehicle has approached up to a definable distance, communication is established between the motor vehicle and the stationary unit.